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Dr. Thomas Anderson is the senior director of Automation Alley and the director of the Automation Alley Technology Center. In his role as senior director, Anderson is responsible for overseeing the operations of Automation Alley along with executive director Ken Rogers. In addition, he will serve as president of the Automation Alley Education & Research Institute, the Alley's new 501(c)(3) addition.

The Technology Center, which is located within Southeast Michigan's global technology cluster, assists businesses, educators and government to help entrepreneurs accelerate the commercialization of new technologies and services. In his role as director, Anderson is responsible for overseeing all of the Technology Center's activities and providing strategic counsel for future growth.

Anderson's prior position was as a strategic consultant, working with a range of clients to develop business plans, seek funding and develop process and decision tools for venture investing. He also gained 20 years experience at General Motors, leading technical research teams in fundamental research, initiating a licensing program for non-competitive applications, forming a National and International Neurotrauma research society, and developing processes to manage global cross-functional teams.

Anderson is actively involved in the community, currently serving as a member of the Technology Advisory Board for EDF Ventures, one of the first venture capital funds to focus on early-stage Michigan companies and technologies.

Anderson's education includes undergraduate and master's degrees in physics and math, a doctorate in neuroscience from the University of Michigan, and a master of business administration from Michigan State University.

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Editor's note: Anderson resides in Birmingham, Mich.